



EPA Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Greenville, TX

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Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, and safely clean up brownfields to promote their sustainable reuse. Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. EPA is funding: assessment demonstration pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years, with additional funding provided for greenspace) to test assessment models and facilitate coordinated assessment and cleanup efforts at the federal, state, tribal, and local levels; and job training pilot programs (each funded up to \$200,000 over two years) to provide training for residents of communities affected by brownfields to facilitate cleanup of brownfields sites and prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field; and, cleanup revolving loan fund program (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) to provide financial assistance for the environmental cleanup of brownfields. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the City of Greenville for a Brownfields Assessment Pilot. Greenville (population 25,100) is located 50 miles northeast of Dallas in Hunt County. The city has suffered from the migration of industrial, commercial, and retail businesses away from downtown Greenville toward areas closer to major transportation corridors. As a result, the downtown area now encompasses many abandoned buildings and vacant lots. A large portion of these properties have been identified as potential brownfield sites. The residential migration that followed business relocation has left the central business district economically disadvantaged. The target areas for this Pilot have a minority population between 27 and 61 percent, and poverty rates ranging from 12 to 35 percent.

OBJECTIVES

Greenville's long-term objective is to redevelop the Lee Street Corridor in the downtown area into a commercial and retail center surrounded by improved residential neighborhoods. To help obtain this long-term objective, the Pilot will develop an inventory of

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Greenville, Texas

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Profile: The Pilot targets the Lee Street corridor, which runs through the historic downtown area, for assessment and redevelopment planning as a commercial and retail center.

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<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>

brownfields properties and work with community stakeholders to set priorities for cleanup and redevelopment. Environmental assessments at chosen sites will be performed to determine their cleanup needs. The Pilot will produce redevelopment and cleanup plans for the sites. With the achievement of these objectives, the city will use its resources to identify legal and financial issues, infrastructure needs, potential public/private partnerships, and redevelopment opportunities to build on the Pilot's successes.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Conducting an inventory of brownfields in six target areas;
- Conducting community meetings and workshops to engage all stakeholders in setting priorities for the targeted sites;
- Conducting Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments in the downtown area; and
- Creating a cleanup and redevelopment plan for each high-priority site.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.